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1. On Air Day in the summer or fall of 1949, about eight to ten members of the Hungarian Association of Fighters for Freedom (Magyar Szabadsagharocos Szovetseg) jumped over Budaors (Q 48/H 42) airfield.
2. Between the fall of 1949 and May 1950, the parachute group of the Hungarian Association of Fighters for Freedom arrived at the field twice a month for parachuting. All the members of the parachute group were volunteers who had not been inducted into military service. Before making the first jump the trainees were taken aloft once or twice without a parachute in order to acquaint them with flying. The first jump was made from an altitude of about 800 to 1,000 meters. The trainees were equipped with back and front-pack parachutes. The latter served as a reserve. Jumps were made in sticks consisting of eight men from an LI-2 passenger plane of Maszovlet Airlines. According to members of the parachute group, the trainees were equipped with a rifle or submachine gun when making the two final jumps. Each parachutist was assigned a special mission. The jumps were made over an open area, not over the airfield. Between the fall of 1949 and May 1950, an estimated number of 100 to 120 persons were being trained.
3. In May 1950, when Maszovlet Airlines was transferred from Budaors airfield of Ferihegy (Q 48/H 61) airfield, the Hungarian Association of Fighters for Freedom was also transferred to Ferihegy. After February 1951, parachuting was no longer practiced from a passenger plane of the Maszovlet Airlines, but from a transport of the Hungarian Air Force. This transport, also an LI-2 type plane, was not stationed at the field but arrived each time for parachuting. *

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